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GROUP 2652"

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 27, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown in marked-up form in the attachment. The claims in clean form are shown below.

b1 1. (Twice Amended) A disc drive for driving a disc shaped recording medium,
comprising:

a base made of a single flat metal plate that is rectangular in shape;

disc rotation driving means disposed on the base for rotating a disc shaped recording medium loaded in the base;

recording and/or reading means disposed on the base for recording data on and/or reading data from the disc shaped recording medium;